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To: HSTestimony
Subject: HB-6765 & HB 6941

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee :

My name is Cyndi Ward. I am a certified interpreter and have been working as an interpreter for 20 years, and working as a "state interpreter for about 8. But also being a CODA (child of deaf adult) and with my husband being deaf, I have been interpreting most of my life.

I strongly urge you to say yes to HB - 6765 & HB 6941. These bills are important to the deaf community to receive top quality interpreting services in all settings.

As for the comment 're HB 6765, and the "lowering of interpreting standards", being NAD IV certified, I have continued to go to trainings and workshops, not only to maintain my certification, but also to advance my skills. I feel with the right support and training, I would be qualified to interpret in a legal setting. It is scary to think that a person just newly certified as NIC would be considered more qualified than someone who has been interpreting for 20+ years. This bill is intended to build up our pool of qualified interpreters and to prepare for the future when our veteran interpreters will be ready to retire.

Please say yes to both.

Cyndi Ward , NAD IV